## Amendments to the Claims

Please cancel claims 1-22 and add claims 23-36, as indicated herein. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

## Listing of Claims:

- 1. 22. (Cancelled)
- 23. (New) A slider comprising:

a slider bond pad for electrically connecting the slider to a gimbal, the slider bond pad having at least two layers;

a notch located below the slider bond pad and on an edge of the slider, wherein the edge is adjacent the gimbal; and

wherein the notch and the slider bond pad provide compensation for potential misalignment between the slider and the gimbal.

- 24. (New) The slider according to claim 23, wherein the notch has a height with respect to the gimbal of about 25 microns.
- 25. (New) The slider according to claim 23, wherein the slider bond pad has a thickness of about 15 microns.
- 26. (New) The slider according to claim 23, wherein the slider bond pad has a thickness of about 5 microns.
- 27. (New) A slider comprising:
  - a slider body, wherein the slider body comprises a front side;
- a slider bond pad extending from the front side for electrically connecting to a flex on suspension bond pad, the slider bond pad having a pad extension adjacent to the front side and a bond pad adjacent the pad extension; and

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a notch located along the front side;

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wherein the notch and the slider bond pad provide compensation for potential misalignment between the slider and the gimbal.

- 28. (New) The slider according to claim 27, wherein the pad extension comprises nickel iron.
- 29. (New) The slider according to claim 28, wherein the bond pad comprises gold.
- 30. (New) The slider according to claim 29, wherein the slider bond pad has a height with respect to the gimbal of about 25 microns.
- 31. (New) The slider according to claim 29, wherein the slider bond pad has a height with respect to the gimbal of about 15 microns.
- 32. (New) An actuator assembly comprising:
- a slider, wherein the slider comprises a slider body and a slider bond pad, the slider bond pad includes at least two layers;
  - a gimbal;
  - a flex circuit material adhered to the gimbal;
  - a flex on suspension bond pad attached to the flex circuit material;
- wherein a ball bond electrically connects the slider bond pad and the flex on suspension bond pad.
- 33. (New) The actuator assembly according to claim 32, further comprising a gap between the flex on suspension bond pad and the slider bond pad.
- 34. (New) The actuator assembly according to claim 33, wherein the gap is between about 30 microns and about 70 microns.
- 35. (New) The actuator assembly according to claim 32, further comprising:

a notch located below the slider bond pad and on an edge of the slider, wherein the edge is adjacent the gimbal; and

wherein the notch and the slider bond pad provide compensation for potential misalignment between the slider and the gimbal.

36. (New) The actuator assembly according to claim 35, wherein: the flex on suspension bond pad has a thickness, the notch has a height with respect to the gimbal, and the height is larger than the thickness.